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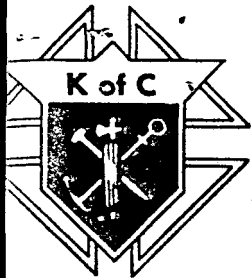
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Mr. George Bush
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Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you for your speedy reply to my recent request regarding your personal comments for the July issue of "The Challenger." These comments were well received and appreciated by our Council members. Everyone was quite impressed by your thoughtfulness which helped emphasize the importance of your message.

If, at any time, in the future you would like to visit with us at the Council Hall, please feel free to contact me at 713-498-2818. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, or special arrangements can be made.

I am enclosing your copy of the July "Challenger," and again, thank you for your sincere consideration.

Respectfully yours,

LARRY BABBITT
Challenger Editor
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cc: JE. FOX

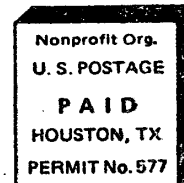
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GEORGE BUSH
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In response to a recent request, our Council has been honored by receiving a personal message from Mr. George Bush, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. Bush has found time, in his busy schedule, to send us a few words for our Fourth of July edition of the Challenger. It is indeed a pleasure to publish these comments which appear on the preceding page, from a world renowned Statesman, but most of all, a Great American.

America comes to the Bicentennial facing perhaps the greatest challenge of our two hundred years. Many countries around the world are looking at us and wondering about our credibility and our commitment. They ask, "Do the people still believe? Do they believe enough to sacrifice for themselves, to say nothing of sacrificing for others?"

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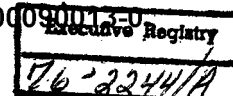
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If we are to maintain our freedoms, we must be committed. To be committed, we must believe in the worth of our system. Each of us should make a commitment to participate in public affairs, to help in our communities, to do something for someone else.

In these days of cynicism, there is an obvious question. Do we feel as strongly as Horace Mann did when he said, "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity"?

Answer: I think we do. I know we must.

George Bush
Director of Central Intelligence



16 MAY 1976

Mr. Larry Babbitt
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Dear Mr. Babbitt:

It is kind of you to ask me to contribute a few words on the Bicentennial for the front page of *The Challenger*. Perhaps the attached brief paragraphs would serve your purpose. I am also enclosing a photograph of myself as you requested.

I hope that you and your members celebrate the Bicentennial in happiness and prosperity, and I thank you again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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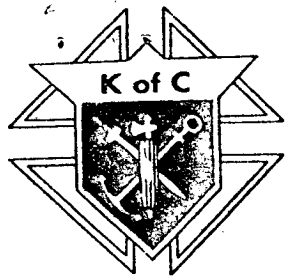
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GEORGE BUSH
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DEAR MR. BUSH:

THE MEMBERS OF THIS SMALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON WOULD BE VERY HONORED IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO WRITE A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE BI-CENTENNIAL FOR THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR JULY MONTHLY PUBLICATION, "THE CHALLENGER," A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED.

WE HAVE A SMALL COUNCIL OF APPROXIMATELY 250 MEMBERS, BUT OUR MAILING LIST INCLUDES THE TOP OFFICIALS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS.

I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF OUR ORGANIZATION THAT WAS ORIGINATED IN 1882 BY FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY AND NOW HAS MEMBERS IN ALL THE FIFTY STATES, PARTS OF CANADA, SOUTH AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE EXTREMELY BUSY BUT WE WANT TO PLEASE ASK YOU TO GIVE US YOUR PERSONAL THOUGHTS ON THE SPIRIT OF THE BI-CENTENNIAL YEAR AND INCLUDE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF WHICH WE CAN PUBLISH ALONG WITH YOUR SHORT ARTICLE.

WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND WE ARE IN HOPES THAT THIS LETTER WILL FIND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THE BEST OF HEALTH. THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL #5678 ARE VERY HAPPY THAT YOU ARE BACK IN THE UNITED STATES AND HOPE THAT YOU MAY HAVE CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR PRESENT POSITION AND WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST OF LUCK.

MAY WE PLEASE HEAR FROM YOU WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

SINCERELY YOURS,

LARRY BABBITT

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